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bolts/bushing/washers (6), allowing the rainwater flow by means of a piping (3), characterized in that it <u>comprises</u> [is comprised of] a highly adhesive, viscous-plastic, thermoplastic and hydrophobic organic resin (4) covered by strips of composite (5) made of <u>aluminum</u> [aluminium] alloy lined by thermoplastic copolymers, welded at the overlapping thereof (7) by means of a thermal process.

- 2. (Amended) Protection for exposed building roofs against the percolation of water, by application of an organic resin protected by a composite of an <u>aluminum</u> [aluminium] alloy lined with thermoplastic copolymers, as claimed [on] <u>in Claim</u> 1, characterized in that the resin (4), by being viscous-plastic, allows relative <u>displacements</u> [displacementes] between the composite and the substrate, so that eventual cracks or fissures occurring in that substrate, caused by deformation of thermal or mechanical nature, do not propagate to the lining in question with the same intensity, thereby ensuring a permanent watertightness.
- 3. (Amended) Protection for exposed building roofs against the percolation of water, by application of an organic resin protected by a composite of an <u>aluminum</u> [aluminium] alloy lined with thermoplastic copolymers, as claimed in <u>Claim</u> 1 [and 2], characterized in that the watertightness is generated by two distinct processes that, in the event of a severe mechanical action <u>causing</u> [causes] a perforation of the composite lining, provide a permanent watertightness, due to the action of the resin, that seals the structure surface pores.

Please add the following new claim:

4. Protection for exposed building roofs against the percolation of water, by application of an organic resin protect by a composite of an aluminum alloy lined with thermoplastic copolymers, as claimed in Claim 2, characterized in that the watertightness is generated by two distinct processes that, in the event of a severe mechanical action <u>causing</u> [causes] a perforation of the composite lining, provide a permanent watertightness, due to the action of the resin, that